

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA
INTERAGENCY
INCIDENT MOBILIZATION GUIDE**

CHAPTER 40 - COOPERATION

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42 INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS AND MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA

Miscellaneous information and Definitions:

Most agreements and Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) terminate after 5 years unless otherwise specified within the document. In most cases, a 1 year extension may be granted. The agreement start date is the last dated signature.

Agreements: An Agreement is required if there will be an exchange of funds.

1. Fire protection areas need separate agreements (i.e., IA agreements by State)
2. Dispatch Centers do not need to do local agreements because they are covered under the Master State agreements. All that is needed are Annual Operating Plans.

Memorandums of Understanding (MOU): An MOU is the same as a verbal agreement (parties agree to agree; an understanding). Funds cannot be exchanged or transferred with an MOU. To eliminate the need for multiple local and area Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding within and adjacent to Rocky Mountain Area Boundaries, verbiage has been incorporated within Chapter 10 - Policy, of the RMA Mobilization Guide. This language, in concert with existing parent agreements, allows adjacent dispatch centers within and adjoining the RMA to work directly with one another to support initial attack suppression efforts, without having to develop additional agreements.

This chapter contains a brief description of the primary Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding within and adjacent to Rocky Mountain Area Boundaries. Complete copies of all agreements are on file at the Rocky Mountain Area Interagency Coordination Center unless otherwise noted. These agreements affect National, Area, and Local mobilization efforts. National Agreements can be found in Chapter 40 of the National Mobilization Guide.

42.1 Colorado Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement

The Colorado Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement is an agreement among USDI, Bureau of Land Management; the State of Colorado; USDA, Forest Service, Region 2; USDI, National Park Service, Intermountain Region; USDI, Fish and Wildlife Service, Mountain and Prairie Region; USDI, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southwest Region; and Colorado State Forest Service.

(Signed 06/2001; Expires 2006) Currently under revision.

The Parent Agreement establishes statewide authority for interagency fire protection assistance and cooperation between the above mentioned agencies, for mutual cooperation in fire training, prescribed fire, prevention, pre-suppression, and suppression activities.

42.2 South Dakota Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement

The South Dakota Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement is among USDI Bureau of Land Management, Montana; USDI, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Plains Region; USDI, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rocky Mountain Region; USDI, National Park Service, Intermountain Region; USDI, Fish and Wildlife Service, Mountain and Prairie Region; USDA, Forest Service, Regions 1 and 2; and the State of South Dakota.

(Signed 4/8/2002; Expires 2007)

The Parent Agreement establishes statewide authority for interagency fire protection assistance and cooperation between the above mentioned agencies, for mutual cooperation in fire training, prescribed fire, prevention, pre-suppression, and suppression activities.

42.3 Wyoming Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement

The Wyoming Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement is among USDI Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming; USDI, National Park Service, Intermountain Region; USDI, Bureau of Indian Affairs, USFS, Rocky Mountain Region; and USDI, Fish and Wildlife Service, Mountain and Prairie Region.

(Signed 02/15/2002; Expires 2007)

The Parent Agreement establishes statewide authority for interagency fire protection assistance and cooperation between the above mentioned agencies, for mutual cooperation in fire training, prescribed fire, prevention, pre-suppression, and suppression activities.

42.4 Kansas Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement

The Kansas Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement is among USDA Forest Service, USDI Bureau of Land Management, USDI National Park Service, USDI Bureau of Reclamation, and the State of Kansas.

(Signed 02/15/2002; Expires 2007)

The Parent Agreement establishes statewide authority for interagency fire protection assistance and cooperation between the above mentioned agencies, for mutual cooperation in fire training, prescribed fire, prevention, pre-suppression, and suppression activities.

42.5 Nebraska Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement

The Nebraska Interagency Cooperative Fire Management is among USDI National Park Service, Mid West Region; USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Plains Region; USDI Bureau of Reclamation, Great Plains Region; USDI Fish and Wildlife Service, Mountain Prairie Region; USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region; and State of Nebraska; Nebraska Emergency Management Agency; Nebraska Forest Service; Nebraska Game and Parks Commission; Nebraska Military Department; Nebraska State Fire Marshal.

(Signed 10/30/2002; Expires 2007)

The Parent Agreement establishes statewide authority for interagency fire protection assistance and cooperation between the above mentioned agencies, for mutual cooperation in fire training, prescribed fire, prevention, pre-suppression and suppression activities.



42.6 Cooperation in Fire Suppression Between Wyoming National Guard and USDA Forest Service, Region 2

An interim agreement is being worked on for 2006. In 2007 this will be included in the Wyoming Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement.

42.7 Interagency Agreement between Great Basin Coordinating Group (GBCG) and Rocky Mountain Coordinating Group (RMCG)

This agreement is under revision.

42.8 Interagency Agreement Between Northern Rockies Coordinating Group (NRCG) and Rocky Mountain Coordinating Group (RMCG)

(Signed 11/03/2004; expires 2009).

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT
between
ROCKY MOUNTAIN COORDINATING GROUP
and
NORTHERN ROCKIES COORDINATING GROUP

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this agreement is to set out in general terms the process for the sharing of initial attack resources between the Rocky Mountain and Northern Rockies Geographic Areas.

II. INTRODUCTION

It is the desire of the Rocky Mountain (RMCG) and Northern Rockies (NRCG) Coordinating Groups to improve the efficiency and cost effectiveness of initial attack firefighting efforts by increasing the mobility of initial attack firefighting resources, to include fixed wing aircraft, helicopters, engines, dozers, IHCs, and hand crews, across the boundary between the two geographic areas. This agreement provides interagency dispatch centers the authority to utilize the IA resources of adjoining units across this boundary. This agreement will be part of the RMA and NRA Mobilization Guides, Chapter 42.3, Cooperation.

III. AUTHORITY

A. INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT FOR FIRE MANAGEMENT

1. BLM #: 1422-R220A7-6000
2. USFS: 97-SIA-004
3. USFWS: 144893510-97-H-504
4. BIA: P00C141A9871

B. Interagency State-wide agreements: Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota

C. National Mobilization Guide, Section 13, Mobilization/Demobilization

IV. STIPULATIONS

It is mutually agreed and understood by and between both areas that dispatching of Rocky Mountain or Northern Rockies Geographic Area initial attack resources across the boundary will follow these rules:

1. Resource orders for initial attack will only be processed between adjacent dispatch centers.
2. Mobilization will be within the legal authority of existing formalized parent agreements. Local units will confer annually to agree upon and document operating procedures.
3. Initial attack resources must be pre-identified in fire management plans, local mobilization guides, or through a preplanned run-card system.
4. Aircraft such as helicopters, airtankers, lead planes, or smokejumper aircraft may be mobilized from beyond adjacent/contiguous units when identified as closest resources and included in mobilization guides or preplanned dispatch systems as described in #3 above.
5. Dispatch Centers must notify appropriate coordination centers of commitment of National and Geographic Area Mobilization Guides, Section 13.4.
6. IA resources responding across the boundary will not be reassigned beyond the receiving dispatch center's boundary.
7. At such time as it becomes evident to the local fire manager that the incident will not be controlled during IA or extended attack, the IA resources shall be formally requested through established dispatch channels or released back to the home unit.

/s/ Richard Homann
Rocky Mountain CG

Date 10/20/2004

/s/ James Kelton
Northern Rockies CG

Date 11/03/2004